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C. Amendments to the Claims.

1. (Previously Presented) A memory cell, comprising:

a first node for storing a first potential;
5 a second node for storing a second potential;
transistor gate electrodes formed from a gate layer; and
a capacitor having plates coupled between the first node and
second node, a portion of one plate of the capacitor comprising a first
interconnect wiring pattern that includes a plurality of conductive layers
10 commonly etched into the same pattern with substantially aligned edges.

2. (Original) The memory cell of claim 1, further comprising:

a first inverter having an input coupled to the first node and an
output coupled to the second node; and
15 a second inverter having an input coupled to the second node
and an output coupled to the first node; wherein
the first node stores a true data value and the second node
stores a complementary data value.

3. (Original) The memory cell of claim 1, further including:

20 a first access transistor coupled to the first node; and
a second access transistor coupled to the second node.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The memory cell of claim 1, wherein:

25 the first interconnect wiring pattern includes a plurality of separate
portions, each portion including bottom conductive layer, ~~the~~ dielectric
layer formed over the bottom conductive layer, and a top conductive layer
formed over the dielectric layer, the bottom conductive layer forming at
least a portion of a first plate of the capacitor, the bottom conductive layer,
30 dielectric layer, and top conductive layer having the same pattern.

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6. (Previously Presented) The memory cell of claim 5, further including:

a second conductive interconnect wiring formed over the first interconnect wiring pattern that forms at least a portion of a second plate of the capacitor.

5 7. (Previously Presented) The memory cell of claim 6, wherein:

the second conductive interconnect wiring comprises titanium;
the bottom conductive layer comprises titanium nitride; and
the top conductive layer comprises titanium.

10 Claims 8 to 20 (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The memory cell of claim 1, wherein:

the gate layer is not in physical contact with a drain of any transistor of the memory cell.

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22. (Previously Presented) The memory cell of claim 1, wherein:

the first interconnect wiring pattern includes

a first portion of the first interconnect wiring comprising a bottom conductive layer formed below a dielectric layer that isolates the bottom conductive layer from a top conductive layer, the bottom conductive layer electrically connecting drains of a first and second transistor of the memory cell.

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23. (Previously Presented) A memory cell, comprising:

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a first data storage node;

a second data storage node;

a capacitor comprising a first plate coupled to the first data storage node, a second plate coupled to the second data storage node, and a third plate separated from the first and second plates by a capacitor dielectric; and

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a plurality of wiring portions, each comprising a commonly

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patterned first conductive layer and dielectric layer, a first wiring portion forming the first plate and a second wiring portion forming the second plate, the dielectric layer forming the capacitor dielectric.

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